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TAGS: EAIR ET CH
SUBJECT: CHINA INAUGURATES AIR SERVICE TO ETHIOPIA

1. A 21 MEMBER GOODWILL DELEGATION ARRIVED IN ADDIS ABABA APRIL 1 ABOARD THE INAUGURAL FLIGHT OF CHINA'S INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICE BETWEEN ADDIS ABABA AND PEKING, VIA KARACHI. HEADING THE DELEGATION WAS CHANG JUI AI (SIC), FIRST DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OF CHINA. ON THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE WERE BEYENE DESTA, MANAGER OF THE ETHIOPIAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY, BRIG. GEN. TAFESSE AYALEW, GENERAL MANAGER OF ETHIOPIAN AIR LINES (EAL), AND OFFICIALS FROM THE PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. ALTHOUGH RECIPROCAL FREQUENCIES WERE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE TERMS OF AN AIR AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND CHINA IN 1972, ONLY EAL PREVIOUSLY HAD ESTABLISHED A REGULAR SCHEDULE, IN 1973. EAL CURRENTLY UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS TWO WEEKLY FLIGHTS TO PEKING; CHINA INITIALLY HAS SCHEDULED ONCE WEEKLY FLIGHTS.

3. ACCORDING TO INDUSTRY SOURCES, THE ADDIS ABABA-PEKING ROUTE HAS BEEN PROFITABLE FOR EAL, WHICH IS PRESENTLY CONSIDERING ADDING A THIRD FLIGHT TO THEIR WEEKLY SCHEDULE. CHINA ALSO HAS PLANS TO ADD A SECOND

WEEKLY FLIGHT BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. EAL HAS
HEARD FROM OTHER AIRLINES THAT THEY CAN EXPECT FAIR
TREATMENT ON PASSENGER LOADS FROM PEKING.

4. COMMENT: BOTH ADDIS ABABA AND PEKING ARE PLAYING THIS
EVENT IN LOW KEY.
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